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General Memoranda.
SATURDAY, September 5.—
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4 p.m.—Fourth Meeting of Hongkong
Gymkhana Club at Happy Valley.
MONDAY, September 7.—
Goods per Ernest Simon undelivered
after this date at noon will be subject to
rent and landing charges.
TUESDAY, September 8.—
Transfer of Douglas Steamship Co.,
Ltd., close from this date to 19th inst.,
inclusive.
Goods per Devon not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.
SATURDAY, September 19.—
Non-Meeting of Douglas Steamship
Co., Ltd., at Co's Office.
FRIDAY, September 25.—
5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong St.
Andrew's Society at City Hall.

THE CHINA MAIL

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2, 1908.
**BANKRUPTCY IN THE UNITED
KINGDOM.**
Some very interesting figures dealing
with the year 1907 are published by
Mr. J. G. WILLIS, who holds in Great
Britain the responsible position of In-
specter General in Bankruptcy under
the Board of Trade. On the whole
though portentous in bulk they are fairly
encouraging notwithstanding that they
treat of a period before the present great
commercial depression set in. From
the report we learn that in the year
under review, 7,569 receiving orders,
administration orders and deeds of
arrangement were made throughout
England and Wales. The debtors
liabilities, as estimated by themselves,
amounted to £10,888,127; assets, as
estimated by the debtors, to
£5,018,122; while the estimated loss
to creditors was £8,388,544. These
figures show a considerable decrease in
the number of failures as compared with
the preceding year, there being 325
fewer receiving orders and 153 fewer
deeds of arrangement. But the
liabilities exceeded those for 1906 by
upwards of £750,000, while the loss to
creditors was greater by over £460,000.
In Scotland there were 237 sequestrations,
with liabilities at £305,232 and
assets £926,843; also 145 cesses, in
which the liabilities were £38,559 and
the assets £7,500. Here also the
failures compared favourably with the
preceding years in number, although

the losses are greater. In Ireland
there were 173 bankruptcies and 125
deeds of arrangement, the liabilities
being respectively £150,573 and
£138,347, and the assets £54,057 and
£70,388. This is considerably worse
than in 1906, so far as the number of
failures is concerned, but the creditors
lost less.
Out of 60 groups of particular trades
or occupations, 29 showed an increase of
liabilities amounting to £2,370,236,
while 37 showed decreased liabilities
amounting to £1,023,216. The greatest
increases occurred in the following
cases:—Merchants, £364,182; stock and
share brokers, £213,303 (in each of the
above businesses there occurred three
heavy failures with total liabilities
amounting to about £600,000); architects
and surveyors, £217,700; directors of
public companies, £164,131. The principal
decreases occurred with
bankers, £435,876; grocery and pro-
vision trades, £132,589; carriage coach,
etc., builders, £115,657; lace manu-
facturers and merchants, £102,018. In
the following trades the liabilities were
over half a million pounds:—Merchants,
£1,267,903; building trades, £829,141;
stock and share brokers, £756,414;
grocery and provisions, £561,204; beer,
wine, and spirits £505,469. Among
women the failures in 1907 numbered
439, compared with 504 in 1906. Fewer
married women and widows and more
single women failed than in the
preceding year, whilst ten per cent.
had no occupation, as compared with
nine per cent. in 1909. The trades in
which the greatest number of failures
occurred were:—Grocers, 48; milliners
and dressmakers, 35; publicans and
hotel keepers, 33; drapers and
haberdashers, 23; lodginghouse keepers
25.

Of the failures with unsecured li-
abilities above £20,000, there were 11 from
ordinary trading, 14 from financial and
speculative enterprise, apart from or-
dinary trading, and 4 from extravagance,
gambling, etc. Compared with the
previous year, there was an increase
of three in the number of cases and of
£90,600 in the amount of the unsecured
liabilities, which amounted to over
£1,800,000. The total amount of li-
abilities in these cases was 30 per cent. of
all the unsecured liabilities under the
whole of the receiving orders made in
1907. The failures due to speculative
enterprise, which since 1904 had shown
a considerable reduction in the aggre-
gate liabilities again showed an increase,
and the liabilities exceeded those of the
ordinary trade failures by more than
£541,000. The circumstances of the
ordinary trade failures varied but slight-
ly from those usually observable in this
class of case, appearing to be due mainly
to business competition and in some
instances to lack of caution in unduly
extending businesses without the re-
quisite capital for carrying them on or
the means of adequate supervision.
The failures due to personal extravagance
were noteworthy for the rapidity
with which the debtors succeeded in
dissipating substantial inheritances. In
one case an income of £7000 a year
failed to meet the debtor's expenditure,
which averaged about £25,000 a year.
In another case the debtor, on attaining
the age of 25 years, which took place
shortly prior to his bankruptcy, became
entitled to property estimated at
£447,000, on which, at the date of the
receiving order, he had created charges
(including £200,000 settled under a
covenant for marriage) exceeding
£430,000, which now form the subject of
litigation. It is not expected that there
will be anything for the unsecured cre-
ditors, whose claims amount to upwards
of £21,000. In a third case the debtor
became entitled to an annual income of
upwards of £48,000 when he was 24
years of age. Within a comparatively
short time he was charging his life
estate and effecting policies as security
for loans until, in 18 years, he owed
£459,000 thus secured, while his un-
secured debts amounted to upwards of
£46,000. The latter were subsequently
paid, and a suitable allowance provided
for the debtor, but his expenditure again
greatly exceeded his income, and at the

date of the receiving order he owed
£22,000 unsecured. These cases but
prove the truth of the old adage that a
fool and his money soon part company.
Four bankrupts were prosecuted last
year by the Director of Public Prosecu-
tions for offences reported by the official
receivers following on their investigation
of the bankrupt's conduct and affairs.
In two cases the bankrupts were solicitors,
who were prosecuted for misappropri-
ating clients' moneys. One was con-
victed and sentenced to five years' penal
servitude, but the other absconded, and
has since died. The third case was that
of a stock and share broker, who was
convicted of misappropriating clients'
moneys, and sentenced to nine months'
imprisonment in the second division.
The last case was that of an accountant
who had misappropriated moneys as
trustee under deeds of arrangement,
and he was sentenced to two months'
imprisonment in the second division.

On the whole the Bankruptcy law
as at present administered at home is
answering most of the expectations of
its drafters and amenders.
NEWS OF THE DAY.
The Cullinan diamond, presented to
the King by the Transvaal, has been cut
into two beautiful white stones. One will
be placed in the King's crown, and the
other in his sceptre.
Unfortunately, says the *Japan Mail*,
the ravages of rinderpest seem to be on
the increase in Japan. The number of
heads slaughtered throughout the country
since the beginning of July is stated to
be 2,900, and the condition of affairs in
Tokyo is almost worse than it was in 1902.
It is under official consideration whether,
in order to deal drastically with the situa-
tion, all import of cattle from Corea ought
not to be temporarily suspended.

In the *July Atlantic Monthly* Mr. J. O.
Fagan makes some interesting comparisons
between British and American railroads.
He shows that in the year 1906 a total of
1,300,000,000 passengers were carried on
British railways on 27,000 miles of track,
against 800,000,000 passengers carried on
American railways on a mileage of 300,000.
As regards accidents the same writer says
that if we take the year 1906 we find that
there were 13,455 collisions and only 239
in Great Britain. In the same year 140
passengers were killed and 6,000 injured
in the United States, against fifty-eight
passengers killed and 631 injured in Great
Britain. The number of employees killed
and injured in train accidents was respec-
tively thirteen and 140 in Great Britain
against 879 and 7,483 in the United States.

The late Bishop Potter was himself on
more than one occasion a guest at Lambeth
Palace, and the following story, which was
rather a favourite of his, is nothing, one
may be sure, in the telling. A bishop from
one of the Western States, who visited
England in former days, was entertained
by the then Archbishop of Canterbury
at Lambeth Palace. He and his wife
arrived just in time for afternoon tea, and
though rather dismayed by the sameness
of the repast, they ate as freely as
opportunity offered. At the conclusion
of the meal the mistress of the house
announced that the servant would show
them to their rooms. They meekly took
the hint, and after a somewhat dreary
vision of smut and chimney-pots seen
from a bedroom window decided to turn in.
They had just done so when there came a
sharp rap at the door. To the bishop's
question "What is it?" came the reply,
"It's half past eight, my lord, and dinner
will be on the table in five minutes."

The trial of two music-hall managers,
and seven women recently arrested as a
result of Senator Berengo's crusade against
the exhibition of the nude on the Paris
stage, was ended on the 28th July when
one of the managers was sentenced to three
months' imprisonment and fined £8, and
two of the actresses were given fifteen days
in prison and fined £2. The others were
acquitted. The piece presented which
was condemned was entitled "Eher
Debusch." In acquitting the other per-
sons on trial, the Court held that the cir-
cumstances under which the women ap-
peared naked on the stage must be taken
into account. The distance from the au-
dience and the immobility of the artistic
pose assumed by the participants robbed
the living pictures presented of any sugges-
tion of licentiousness or obscenity, and left
upon the spectators only the impression of
natural beauty. Neither the management
nor the actresses, therefore, were guilty of
immoral acts. The Government, says a
Paris message, is greatly dissatisfied with
the judgment handed down, and the
Minister of Public Instruction immediately
filed notice of an appeal.

A NEIGHBOUR'S KINDNESS.
MR. W. J. Fuller, J.P., strokekeeper,
Rendelham, South Australia, writes:
"I was called to a case a neighbor
who was suffering from severe cramps and
who really thought he was past help. I
gave him three doses of Chamberlain's
Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy,
and in a few hours he had quite recovered.
I frequently use this remedy in my own
family and sell it to my customers on a
positive guarantee. For sale by all chemists
and druggists."

NEWS OF THE DAY.
The Rev. Dr. C. W. Madox, D. D.,
L.I.D., the well known septuagenarian
sinologist, is at present in Chetco, working
on important translations of the Bible into
Chinese, a monumental task but one which
Dr. Madox performs cheerfully and without
abatement even on the hottest days.

The retirement on July 31 of Sir Philip
Hutchins from the Council of India, on
the expiry of the period of ten years for
which he was appointed, was an event of
exceptional interest, as he had
been for the last nine months the only
servant of the East India Company,
abolished fifty years ago, still holding an
official position either in England or in
India.

The King has granted unto Mr. E. B.
Hart, Commissioner of the Imperial
Chinese Maritime Customs, his Majesty's
royal licence and authority to accept and
wear the insignia of the First Class of the
Third Division of the Imperial Chinese
Order of the Double Dragon, conferred
upon him by his Imperial Majesty the
Emperor of China in recognition of valuable
services rendered by him.

The will of the late Lord Derby has been
proved. The personal estate has been
sworn at £202,349 gross and £752,133 net,
and the estimated value of the total estate,
both real and personal, is £3,187,138.
After bequeathing legacies to his widow,
his younger children, his agents, and
others, the testator leaves the residue of
his estate to the present Lord Derby
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NEWS OF THE DAY.
Reuter wires from Pieternitzburg
that Dinizulu has broken a blood vessel.
His condition is serious, but not critical.
A curious feature of the bloodless
revolution in Turkey, which is coming to
light, is the important part played by
Freemasons.
A Chinese youth, 17 years of age, was
sent to prison for seven days, by Mr. J. R.
Wood, at the Magistracy, this morning for
maliciously damaging property.
The Provincial Government of British
Columbia have issued new regulations re-
fusing to grant licences to aliens—which
means the exclusion of
hundreds of persons from participation in
the season's fishing operations.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.
There is a possibility of Madame Sarah
Bernhardt visiting the Far East this
autumn with a theatrical company number-
ing 42 persons.
Major-General J. C. Hoad, Inspector-
General of the Australian Forces, has left
Melbourne for London, in pursuance of
Mr. Haldane's proposal for the exchange of
officers between the Imperial and Com-
monwealth military staffs.

A marriage has been arranged between
Captain Hubert Clement Smith, Royal
Engineers, son of the Right Hon. Sir Cecil
Clement Smith, G.C.M.G., and Kathleen
Margaret, only daughter of Sir Harry and
Lady Clarke-Jervoise, of Idsworth, Hants,
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"TYPHOON" INQUIRY.
An inquiry was held before Mr. J. H.
Kemp, at the Magistracy today, and a
jury composed of Messrs A. Raymond, J.
R. Boyce, and R. T. Rowan, into the cir-
cumstances connected with the death of
seventeen persons killed in the collapse at
23 to 27 the Prynne, Shaanui West, in
the recent typhoon.
His Worship said the principal rea-
son of the delay in holding the in-
quiry was owing to the number of
deceased, which caused in all 64 deaths.
Inquiries had been made about the
contraction of the buildings which col-
lapsed but as most of the buildings were old
the contractors were unable to be found.
The theory in this case was that the
collapse was caused by the filling of the
roof wall and the jury had to consider the
question of the liability of the owner and
contractor.
Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor,
conducted the inquiry on behalf of the
Government and gave a short description
of these buildings which had collapsed and
outlined what had happened. On inspect-
ing the scene of the accident he said it
might be found that there were perhaps
other reasons than the typhoon which
brought about the catastrophe.
Evidence was then called and the inquiry
was adjourned.

ST. PATRICK'S CLUB.
A Farwell Concert.
On Tuesday evening a most delightful
musical entertainment was given by mem-
bers and their friends at the St. Patrick's
Club, as a farwell to some of the older
members who are shortly leaving for
England. The programme had been ex-
cellently arranged and contained nineteen
items, mostly musical. As an aid to the
orphan boys at the St. Louis
Industrial School, who, by the way,
printed the programmes, a fee of ten cents
each was charged, and since there was a
very large gathering present the funds of
the school should benefit accordingly.
At eight o'clock, the Club room was well
filled, and by a quarter past, there was
standing room only.

At eight twenty, the strains of that
popular air "The Merry Widow," rendered
as an overture, were heard from the
orchestra, composed of Messrs Rogers
Shugrue and Eckford, who are over ready
to assist. "Flight of ages" was the first
song, and was rendered by Miss B. O.
Mylos, for which she received due applause.
After a comic song, "Gallant Deeds" by
Mr. Wolek; the Misses Thorpe and Sheffield
appeared and rendered "Teasing" as a
duet. This was a capital item and both
young ladies received well-deserved ap-
plause. Following came a pianoforte solo,
Sonata in "B," by Mrs. Ems, which she
played with brilliant technique. Then came
Mr. Raybould who, although not the posses-
sor of a strong voice, gave a capital rendering
of "The Diver." Miss Barrington follow-
ing with "Honey Day" received a great
ovation and the first encore of the evening.
In response she sang the last verse and
chorus over again, the audience joining in.
Mr. Pasco, on his appearance, seemed
a trifle nervous but soon overcame this and
very creditably rendered "Sweet Susan."
A cue for great applause was the appearance
on the stage of Mr. (Staff-Sergeant) Euteho-
son, a very popular singer of comic songs.
Having rendered "Drinking" (in German),
nothing would suffice the audience until
he gave a parody on "Two Little Girls
in Blue." Miss and Master Barrington,
two very bright youngsters, concluded the
first part by a Duologue entitled "Boy
and Girl." The children kept the audience
highly amused and for their excellent
efforts received the applause of a very
appreciative audience.

During the interval the orchestra played
selections. Miss Mylos again opening the
programme in the unavoidable presence of
Mr. Leckie, with "Down the Vale" "Ho,
Jolly Jenkin" was well sung by Mr.
William, who in response to an encore
sang "The Scout." Dressed in a beautiful
kimono and with sun shade a *la Japonaise*,
Miss F. V. Thorpe appeared to sing "Cherry
Blossoms" for the rendering of which she
received well-deserved applause. Mrs. Bin-
ney, obliged with a somewhat difficult
Pianoforte Solo "Fragaria del Moss,"
which she, however, did full justice to.
Following this Mr. Hutchison appeared and
intensely delighted the audience with a se-
lection from his beautiful supply of fan-
tasies. In singing "Will you love me
in December?" Miss Sheffield fairly cap-
tured the hearts of the audience. After
the rendering of "Good Bye" by
Mr. Raybould, Mr. Jury treated the
audience to three capital comic songs.
Some well-rendered songs by A. N. Other,
and the playing of the national anthem
brought the official programme to a close.
A word of praise must be said in favour of
Mrs. Binney, who so ably acted as
accompanist.

TRAGIC OCCURRENCE IN DUBLIN.
LONDON, August 18.
Mr. Ennis, the new Assistant Under-
Secretary of Ireland, has been thrown from
his jaunting car in Dublin and killed.
A 70-h.p. Mercedes car, while running
at a speed of 110 miles an hour at Brook-
lands, left the track. The occupants were
shot a distance of 100ft across the River
Wey, the mechanic being killed.
FROM MEXICO.
THE following paragraph was clipped
from the "El Sol," a newspaper at
Hermosillo, Mexico, it being a part of a
letter to the publisher from a friend: "On
my last trip to my properties on the frontier,
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THE AMERICAN FLEET.

STIRRING SCENES.

(Exclusive Service supplied by Reuters via Bombay.)

London, September 1. The Commonwealth Parliament have presented an address of welcome to Rear-Admiral Sperry.

The whole City of Melbourne was illuminated, and in the evening a gigantic torchlight procession was held.

The crowd was of enormous dimensions and it is said that the scenes were the most stirring that have been witnessed at Melbourne since the relief of Mafeking.

DISASTROUS GALES IN ENGLAND.

MANY WRECKES.

Much Loss Of Life.

(Exclusive Service supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

London, September 2.

A very fearful gale is raging round the coast of Great Britain. Many wrecks are reported. One hundred and sixty Brighton excursionists have been rescued by lifeboats of Selsey Bill. Twenty-seven lives have been lost in wrecks off the Welsh coast.

SIR ROBERT HART.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

London, September 2.

The King has given Sir Robert Hart permission to wear the Grand Cross of the Dannebrog.

THE PEACE OF EUROPE.

London, August 31.

H. I. M. The Kaiser, speaking at Strassburg, said he was firmly convinced that European peace was not imperilled. It rested on too firm foundations to be upset by the incidents and calumnies of envious and ill-disposed individuals. The princes and statesmen of Europe were aware of their responsibility to God for the lives and prosperity of the peoples under their rule, who wished quietly to develop the magnificent achievements of civilization, and to measure their strength with one another in peaceful rivalry. Peace was further assured by the strength on sea and land of the German people in arms.

His Majesty concluded by declaring that Germany was determined to maintain and develop her forces and interests without fear or favour.

THE RACE QUESTION IN AMERICA.

London, August 31.

A test case tried in the San Francisco courts has decided that children of Mongol parents, though born in San Francisco, are not Americans, and are not entitled to use the City schools.

PERSIA.

London, August 31.

A telegram from Teheran states that the revolutionists have sent an ultimatum to the Shah, demanding, *inter alia*, the selection of the Ministry from among the revolutionaries, and the expulsion of the reactionaries from Teheran.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

(FROM THE "REUTERS OF LONDON.")

ASIATICS IN THE TRANSVAAL.

London, August 30. A telegram from Pretoria states that, following yesterday's meeting between the Asiatic leaders and Messrs Botha and Smuts, the Voluntary Registration Validation Bill has been withdrawn, and the registration question has been referred to a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly.

A telegram from Johannesburg states that the Parson immigrant who was sentenced to a month's hard labour on the 20th July, for being without a permit and refusing to leave the Transvaal, has been released and deported to the Natal border.

A conference of 200 Indian delegates held to-day considered the terms of registration, and a compromise was concluded pending Government's definite terms of settlement. The proceedings were private. The status of educated Asiatics is the principal stumbling block.

THE HOARDED WEALTH OF INDIA.

London, August 27.

In a long letter to *The Times* Sir Ernest Cable urges the appointment of a Com-

mittee of Enquiry composed of European and Indian financiers, to ascertain to what extent Indians can be induced to invest their savings in State or industrial enterprises. The hoarded wealth of India, Sir Ernest says, has been estimated at three hundred millions sterling, and is increasing by eleven millions yearly. He writes with special reference to railways.

The Times, in a leading article, discusses the advantages and disadvantages of the proposal. It thinks that the present moment is hardly propitious for such a delicate enquiry.

SEDITION IN INDIA.

Bombay, August 18.

Messrs Justices Chaudhary and Houston, of the Bombay High Court, have dismissed the appeal of the editor of the *Hind-neeraj*, a Gujarati weekly, against the Magistrate's sentence of three years' rigorous imprisonment for publishing two seditious articles. The appeal was on legal points, all of which were overruled. Mr Justice Chaudhary declared that the sentence could not be considered severe.

Madras, August 18.

At the hearing of the second charge of sedition against Ezhim Srinivasan Aiyar, Mr Osborne submitted that he had received instructions from the Government to enter a *vide propositi*, the case having been withdrawn. His Lordship thereupon acquitted the accused.

Calcutta, August 19.

Thirty-one of the accused in the Alipur land case have been committed to the Sessions on charges of razing war against the King, and of conspiracy.

There is a separate charge against Barindra Kumar Ghose for abetting the Muzaffarpore murders.

The six men sentenced to from five to two years' rigorous imprisonment for the attempted blowing up of the Lieut-Governor's train at Midnapur in December are appealing to the High Court.

Madras, August 21.

The offices of two vernacular papers were searched here by the police to-day, the one, an Indian weekly, whose editor, printer, and publisher, M. Srinivasa Iyengar, was arrested on a warrant charging him with offences under sections 124 and 125 of the Indian Penal Code. The other is a daily called *Neelam*. The owner is G. Subramania Iyer, the news of whose arrest in the Tinnevely district has also just been received.

Calcutta, August 21.

Robin Chunder Pal, the extremist leader, left Calcutta by the "Colony" for Paris, and America to plead his case before the independent world, travelling first-class with his son. Other Indian students were on board. There was no demonstration, and the last seen of him was smoking a lady's cigarette and nursing a Bengali baby.

(FROM THE "SINGAPORE FREE PRESS.")

A TERRIBLE CRIME.

London, August 24.

The wife of Major General Luard has been found murdered on the balcony of a lonely summer house in dense woods near Ighiteam Knoll, Kent.

The discovery was made yesterday afternoon, and the cause of death was two revolver shot wounds. All the rings were torn from the murdered lady's fingers. No clue has been found as to the murderer.

London, August 26.

The murder at Ighiteam has caused an intense sensation. The Police have several important clues and an arrest is momentarily expected. The faithful Irish terrier which guarded the body of the murdered lady ran to meet General Luard and led him to the spot where the victim, who was 54 years of age, lay.

(The unfortunate Mrs. Luard was the daughter of Thomas Hartley, of Gifford, Cumberland. Her distinguished husband, attaining the rank of Major-General in 1867. For fourteen years he was Chief Consul of Kent and their residence Ighiteam Knoll, is an old country seat. Capt. G. L. Luard, the son of Major-General and Mrs. Luard, is in the Norfolk Regiment. His address also is Ighiteam Knoll.)

UNREST IN KWANGSI.

The reformers and agitators in the western part of Kwangsi are reported to be still very active; and their influence and opinions are said to be spreading like a plague. The most vigorous are at work in the district of Oitun, on the borders of the French possessions, and official spies have been sent out to seek for information regarding their movements. These state that the reformers are not only busy inculating their opinions, but are importing arms in large quantities. The authorities are on the alert and probably nothing serious will follow.

THE PRESSURE OF POVERTY IN CANTON.

We have referred before to the wish of the Government at Peking that the Viceroy of Canton should, with all possible speed, enlist two brigades of men and have them efficiently trained in the ways of modern warfare, it being a *quo pro* that they should be adequately armed with modern weapons. This demand has been resisted by the high officials of Canton on the ground that the Provincial exchequer has been completely depleted, and that nothing can be set aside for the raising and equipping of more soldiers. But the demands of Peking have been repeated, and this time with a note of finality that cannot be ignored. The officials have, therefore, been compelled to look about for some means of recruiting the new brigades, and to devise means of paying for them without imposing any further direct taxation. To accomplish this, it appears from reports to hand, that they have decided to legitimize once more a species of gambling in the open day, the system known as *Pak-ping* being approved of. The best journals are opposed to the re-establishing of this pernicious practice, inasmuch as it was decided and "engraved in letters on imperishable rock," that such gambling being approved of, it is feared that this step will be but the prelude to licensing of other kinds of gambling.

Twenty million headaches are going to be cured this year by Stearns' Headache Cure. An awful lot of pain to be relieved, but Stearns' Headache Cure is just the thing to do it quickly.

SANITARY BOARD.

Mr. C. McI. Messer presided over a meeting of the Sanitary Board, on Tuesday afternoon, when there were present:—Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving, Hon. Mr. H. W. Wade, Mr. Shelton Hooper, Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Mr. H. Humphreys, Dr. Pearce, Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Macfarlane, Assistant Medical Officer of Health, and the secretary, Mr. A. Gibson.

THE REMOVAL OF CEILINGS.

The Committee appointed to consider the question of the removal of ceilings and stair-linings for the prevention of rat infestation suggested the compulsory removal of stair-linings and ceilings.

Mr. A. Shelton Hooper agreed with the report in the main, but wished to move two amendments. He thought European houses and offices should be exempt, particularly offices, because there was no food nor anything stored in them to induce rats to go there. He suggested the time should be changed from two weeks. If the Board were to serve notices for all ceilings and stair-linings in the Colony to be removed the result might be a wholesale lot of prosecutions which would not be entirely agreeable to the community, and he did not think the Board would wish to act in a harsh way. He would like to extend the time to two months.

Hon. Mr. H. A. W. Slade seconded. Dr. Pearce thought departmental procedure would meet the case, in seeing that too many notices were not served at the same time.

The President said people could not be reasonably expected to remove ceilings immediately, and as to European houses and offices, they were entirely under the Board, and the only way to work it was for the Board to appoint a committee to consider these regulations. It was so very hard to find what was a European house, and they had to draw the dividing line somewhere. There was no intention whatever of removing the ceilings from good offices.

Mr. Shelton Hooper then withdrew his first amendment and with regard to the enlargement of time from two weeks to two months said, with all due respect to the Medical Officer of Health, who said it was a matter in which the department could exercise its discretion, it was jealous of giving the department any more power than they had, in case it might be abused by any officers coming hereafter.

The present Board did not abuse that power. He thought two months was not an unreasonable time. Notices could be served as soon as it became law, and then people could be allowed to apply for exemptions. If this was done he thought there would be no difficulty at all.

The President said he agreed to one month and this was agreed to.

THE EXTENSION OF RATE.

When the correspondence relative to the ratepayers' experiments conducted in Indian laboratories on Indian field and house rats with Ratin No. 2 came up for consideration the President said:—The communication was addressed to the Head of the Sanitary Board and not to the Secretary, who is the official to whom these papers should be addressed.

Mr. Shelton Hooper—On that point I may say it is advisable that we should know exactly our position. I am under the impression that the Governor's idea was that papers sent down to be laid on the table, whether addressed to the Head of the Sanitary Department or the Secretary of the Board, are for discussion.

If you make that communication officially I would ask that the matter stand over until the next meeting. I would like to know if Sir Frederick Lugard confirmed that arrangement. I did not alluding to C. S. O. minutes sent down for your information, but I am speaking of your communications directly addressed by His Excellency or the Colonial Secretary to the Head of the Department to be laid on the table, or no pertinent to any question we are discussing. We should have access to such papers. I think it had better stand over.

The President—Will you move a resolution? Mr. Shelton Hooper—I would rather not accept it without a resolution. The President—Will you give notice? Mr. Shelton Hooper—It isn't necessary. After referring to a document handed him by the President Mr. Shelton Hooper said he did not mean C.S.O.'s but matters which had been considered by the Board.

The President—It is better to make a resolution than make a speech. Mr. Shelton Hooper—I have discussed the question with the Governor. I think it had better stand over until next time.

The President—Will you bring up a resolution? Mr. Shelton Hooper—Yes.

The President—The general points will come up for discussion later.

The Lancashire cotton spinners have given notice of a five per cent. reduction in wages. Should the operatives not accept the reduction there will be a lock-out affecting thirty-six million spindles. The reduction of wages in the cotton industry will affect considerably over 150,000 operatives. The Emergency Committee of the Masters' Federation have also recommended another fortnight's short-time in September.

WHOOPING COUGH.

This is a very dangerous disease unless properly treated, but all danger may be avoided by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It liquefies the tough mucus, making it easier to expectorate, keeps the cough loose, and makes the paroxysm of coughing less frequent and less severe. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Hogwarts, August 7.

It is expected that His Majesty the King will formally open Queen Victoria's School for the Orphans of Scottish Soldiers and Sailors some time during the month of September. The school has been two years in building, and occupies a commanding site above Dunblane, on the Forth Road, at a spot known as the "Drums of Kippendavie." Colonel the Hon. Charles Rowley Hay-Drummond will entertain the King. Revet Colonel Mr. Grant Wilkinson, late of the K.O.S.B., has been appointed Commandant of the school. He served in the South African War, was mentioned in despatches, and has the D.S.O. with three clasps.

The Earl of Wemyss is the Man of the Hour. On Tuesday he entered upon his ninety-first year, and although his hair and beard are snowy white, he is straight, stately and vigorous, and can wear with credit, the uniform of the London Scottish or the King's Body Guard of Archers.

Indeed, he has all "the things that should accompany old age" in abundant measure. He still leads an active outdoor life and engages in sport; he is a capital golfer and at the age of eighty learned to drive his own motor car. Although not the Father of the House of Lords, nor its oldest member, his breezy personality makes him the Grand Old Man of Westminster. And he has seen a golden wedding, and ten years ago married a second wife.

When Sir William Harcourt said that he were all Socialists now, he forgot the Earl of Wemyss. In clear and resonant tones the "over-joyful" nonagenarian takes up a testimony of uncompromising individualism, and rebukes a degenerate and soft-voiced age. Party leaders may be bound to popular clamour; he remains firm to the convictions of his youth. His activity in opposition to the Old Age Pension Bill shows that, but for defective hearing, he would yet be a force to be reckoned with in Parliament. His intellectual activity is unceasing, and finds vent other than that of speech-making in the House of Lords. He is full of subtle and effective devices, and when he is worsted by votes he takes refuge in humour. Not long ago, his brusque of the Scottish Small Shopkeeper Bill, which was called the Small Shopkeeper Bill, added no small amount to the gaiety of the nation, and buried the Government's Scottish legislation and laughter. His latest effort was to give notice of a motion, placed on the paper just before the adjournment, embodying a scheme for the nomination of three Peers by such important trading and other organised society, such societies to be selected by a Committee comprising the Lord Chancellor, the Earl of Halsbury, the Earl of Crewe, and the Marquis of Lansdowne.

Fifteen years ago, the strain of reading threatened to affect his eyesight. As a recreation he set to work on his memoirs, and he has brought up the story of his life to the close of the last Parliament. Unfortunately, when one remembers the opportunities he has had of knowing what is going on at the heart of things, his autobiography will not be published in his lifetime; and a good many of us, it is to be feared, will thereby miss a pleasant pleasure. We won't see him out.

Of course, the birthday has not passed without recognition. His fellow Peers are promoting a subscription for a presentation portrait, and he has received innumerable letters and addresses of congratulation. Among them is an address from the Duke of Argyll and other officers of the London Scottish. The Earl of Wemyss, when Lord Elcho, was the principal founder of this national corps, and was its first commanding officer. A retired quartermaster of the regiment has dropped into poetry, and thus, in the midst of other verse, vents his enthusiasm.

"Who can compare with your great Chief? In age still crowned with youth's green laurels."

Never again are we like to lose, Earl Wemyss, a Chief to equal those. The comrades of your dear old corps. Yet hope to see you fall ere long!"

The Volunteer Force as a whole was much indebted to his strenuous activity. In 1892, he presented the Elcho Challenge Shield for competition with match rifles to the National Rifle Association. It need scarcely be said that he is no believer in the Territorials, and during the last few months he has given Lord Lucas many a bad time in the Lords by his ingenious posers as to his details of the New Model. Ruskin was the noble Lord's fellow student at Oxford and has left on record the impression he got of the Northern's physical attributes—Ruskin thought him the "Ideal Scotsman." After all these years Lord Wemyss is still entitled to the flattering appellation—and, as a fellow Peer said lately "he is one of the remarkable old gentlemen of the day."

With the close of the camps, the training season in Scotland for the Territorial Army is to all intents and purposes at an end for the year. In the late autumn there is drill, but it is practically confined to recruits; and winter is the social season for our citizen soldiers. So far, most of the "aspirants of the time" have been in favour of the new force. The weather has been unpropitious, and many of those who went out for the eight days camp stayed on for the fifteen. The word was passed round, "the men off easy; a policy which consisted itself to commanding officers who were short of their strength."

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Everybody "fights shy" of the word "Territorial." Some profess "Home Guards" or "National Guards," though the one sounds American and the other French. And it must not be forgotten that there is a good deal in a name. "Volunteers" was not an ideal term; but it was infinitely better than the new one. On all sides is heard the prayer, "For goodness sake let us have anything rather than that six-syllabled and jaw-breaking Territorialism."

According to Mr. Haldane's scheme, there are ten cyclist corps in the Territorial Army, two of which are allocated to Scotland. The only one of the ten that has managed to get mentioned through having the necessary thirty per cent. members is the Marquis of Breadalbane's 8th Royal Highlanders, the Perthshire Cyclists of the Black Watch.

CHARITY DOLES.

Whilst immense sums have been raised through the media of the several food relief lazarets in the Kwangtung province, there appears to be little excessiveness manifested towards those who lost their boats in the recent typhoon at Canton and the neighbourhood. True, there have been some grants of \$10,000 to assist those who have suffered, but the claimants are divided into three classes. Those who have lost their boats form the first class; those whose boats have been seriously injured, the second; those who have suffered some little damage, the third. The first class are assisted in some cases to the extent of \$50, and none have received more than this sum. The second class receive just half this amount, whilst the third class have received nothing. The owners of flower-boats receive large grants. The family that has lost a member through death by drowning, receives \$10, unless it happened that the person drowned was a child; then the sum given is \$5. It will be seen from these figures that the assistance has not been specially liberal.

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NAVAL AND MILITARY.

The command of the Alacrity, dispatch ship to the China Squadron, on recommissioning, will be retained by Commander Cyril T. M. Fuller, who took over the command in February last. Lieut. Neil O'Neill has been appointed first officer of the Alacrity, from the battleship *Dreadnought*. Lieut. O'Neill is a smart officer of eleven years service in the Royal Navy.

The 2nd Battalion East Kent Regiment will embark on the s.s. *Duffin* at Durban, on Oct. 10, and will arrive at Hongkong, where it is to be stationed on Nov. 6 following. The *Duffin* will leave Hongkong two days later with the 4th Middlesex for Singapore, where she will arrive on the 15th, and on the 17th she will leave Singapore for Calcutta with the Royal West Kents.

The vacant majority in the East Kent Regiment has gone to Captain E. H. Finch-Hatton, D.S.O., the senior captain of the 1st Battalion, Aldershot. Major Finch-Hatton got his first commission in "The Buffs" in January, 1891, and his company came to him nearly nine years ago. He was with the Buffs through the South African campaign, participating in the fighting on the way to Kimberley, the actions of Paardeberg, Poplar Grove, and Drifonts, and the subsequent campaign in the T. unsway (mentioned in despatches, D.S.O., Queen's medal with three clasps, King's medal with two clasps), and was adjutant of the 3rd Battalion, Canterbury, 1902-05.

In reply to a question on the subject, Mr. Haldane has intimated that the War Office does not contemplate the further reduction of any of the Colonial garrisons. One fails to see how it could be done without abolishing them completely. There is not a single coaling station abroad, save Gibraltar, Malta, and Aden, capable of mounting all its defence in real time without first receiving substantial reinforcements.

The following officers of the Indian Army have qualified as interpreters in the Japanese language:—Major R. E. Chayes, 1st Cavalry; Captain R. A. Steel, 17th Cavalry; and Major H. F. Bateman-Champain, 1st Batt., 9th Gurkha Rifles.

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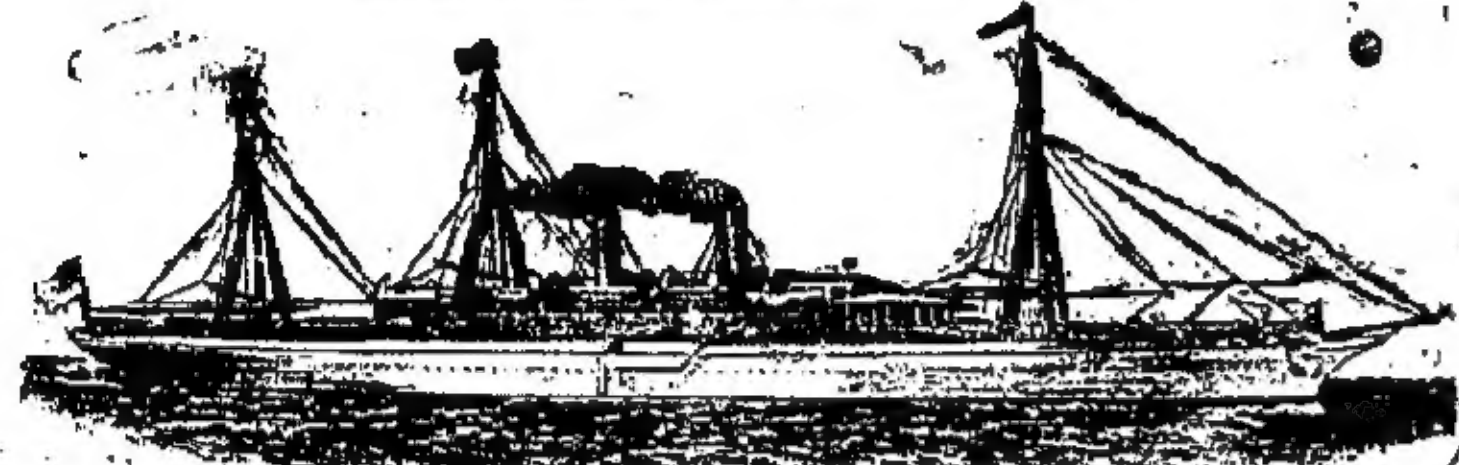
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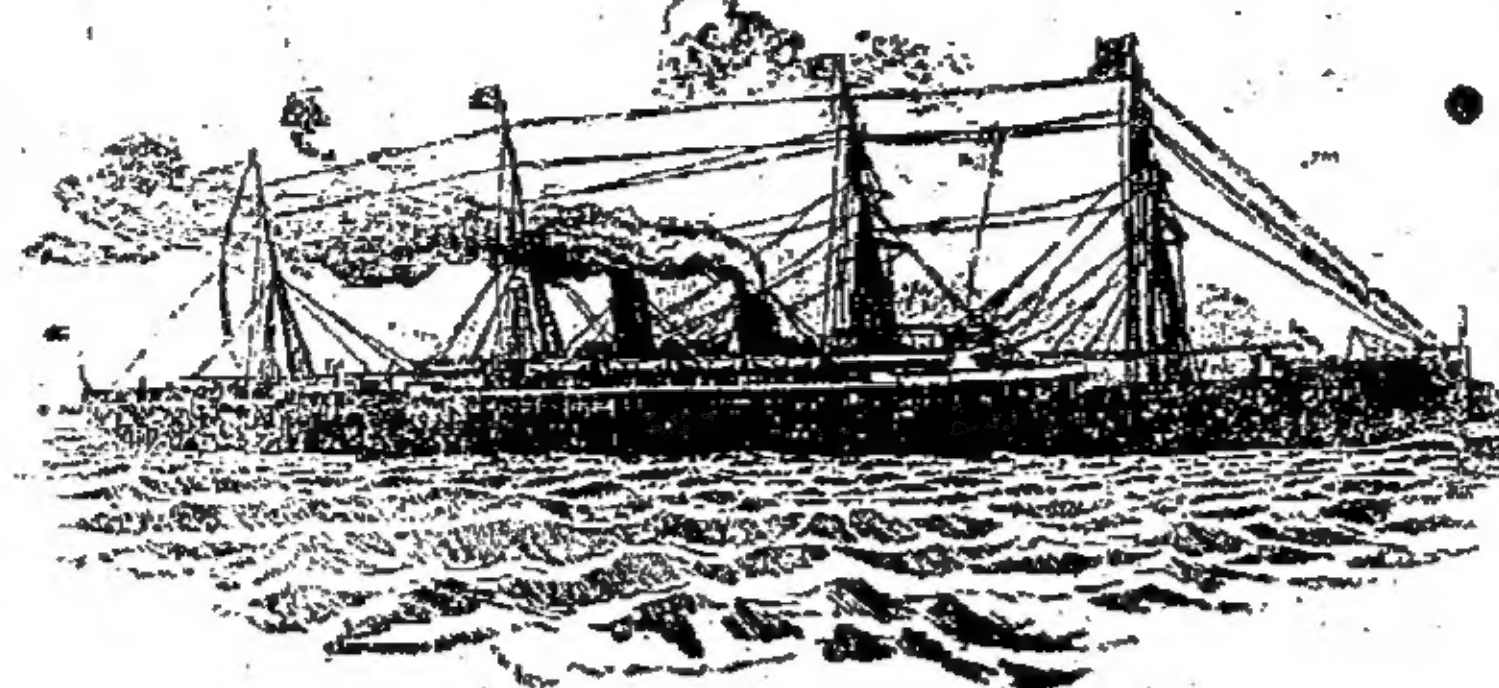
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